

#5/Election

Attorney Docket No. 00048/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Masaru SUDO et al

Serial No. : 09/496,061

Filed : February 21, 2000

For : ENDOSCOPE IMAGE SENSING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2613

Examiner : S. S. An

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003,
the term for response to which expires on June 8, 2003.

ELECTION:

Applicants hereby elect Species I, Fig. 2, for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

The claims readable on the elected species of Fig. 2 are
claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22 and 24.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed with respect to the above election.

If a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is requested
that the Examiner consider all of the claims which depend
therefrom or which otherwise include the subject matter thereof.

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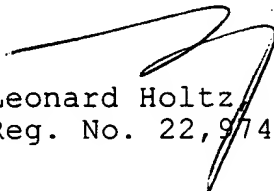

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Dated: May 30, 2003

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: May 30, 2003

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